



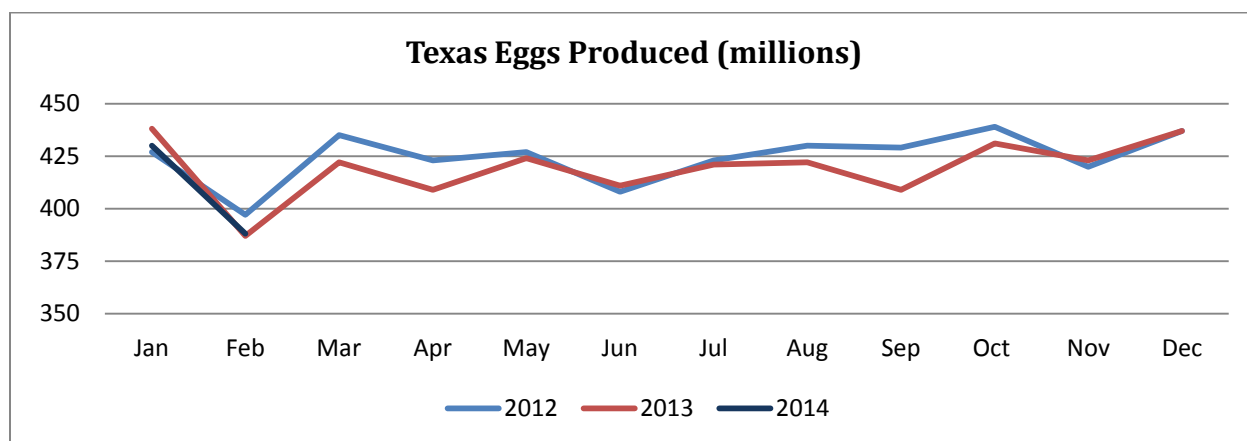
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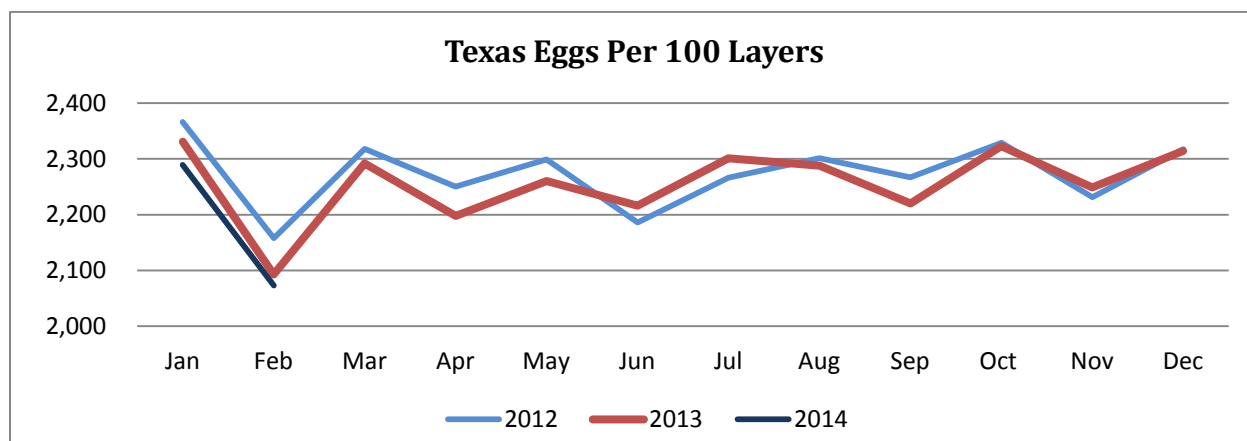
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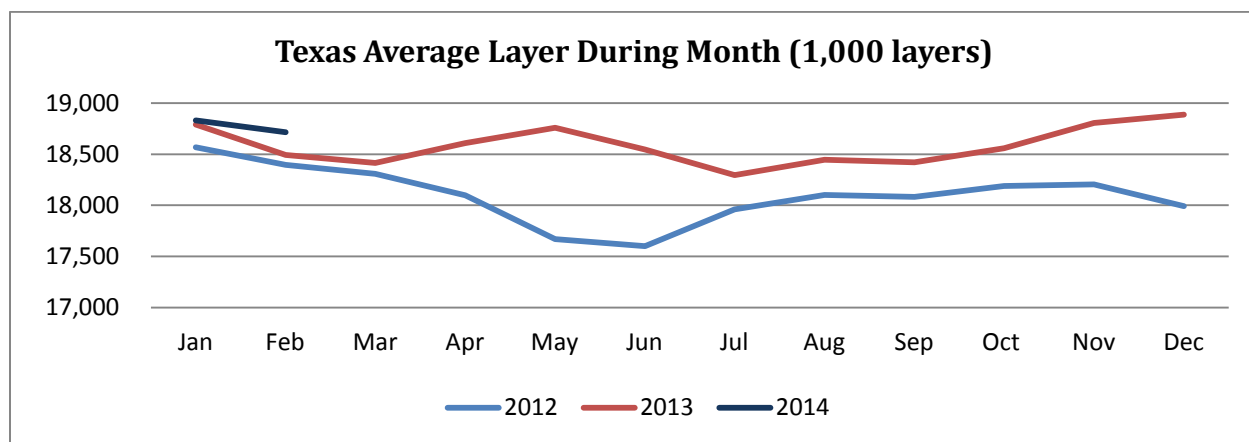
February 2014 egg production in Texas totaled 388 million eggs, virtually unchanged from February 2013 but down 10 percent from January 2014, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during February averaged 18.7 million, up 1 percent from last year but down slightly from January 2014. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,073 eggs, down from last year's 2,093 eggs and down from last month's 2,287 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 48.5 million in February, down 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.36 billion during February 2014, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.40 billion table eggs, 899 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 350 million on March 1, 2014, up 1 percent from last year. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2014, averaged 75.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2013.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.4 million during February 2014, up slightly from February 2013. The hatch of broiler-type chicks totaled during February 2014, at 689 million, was down slightly from February 2013.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2014, up 2 percent from February 2013.

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